

#### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

This past weekend, the Fenwick Island community most likely observed a marked change in business activity. Generally, the majority of businesses were trying to navigate within State guidelines; however, there was confusion among the retail sector in the interpretation relative to their specific business. The misunderstandings were compounded by Ocean City opening for the season with guidelines much more lenient than Delaware.

A June 1 opening (as of 5/17 ) puts Fenwick Island retail and restaurants in a very precarious situation. Some in the business community have challenged why our guidelines in Fenwick are so stringent given we are in a relatively safe zone. The businesses recognize the unfortunate impact of the virus on Sussex County and the importance of monitoring out-of-state visitors but feel they should be able to open safely now.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Collins, Chairman

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The EC remains in “stay at home” mode, however, I do have something to report.

In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day, The Center for American Progress in DC compiled an online map of the US, they recruited individuals from all the states asking that they share their experiences with the environment. You can see my contribution on [ourevironment.org](http://ourevironment.org) and drop down to DE.

Secondly, they asked me to participate in a lengthier project about the work of the Fenwick Island Environmental Committee and about my experiences as a resident of a town that is impacted by sea-level rise. It is currently a work-in-progress and I will share when it is completed.

Mary Ellen Langan

## **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Fenwick Island Regular Town Council Meeting**

**May 22, 2020**

**I. Sidewalks:** Unfortunately, there has been no public committee meeting again this month due to the restrictions caused by the Corona-virus. However, Century Engineering has maintained its targeted schedule and sent the preliminary "Construction and Engineering Plans" to the Town to review and analyze. Town Clerk Linda Martin enlarged these and sent separate copies to Gene Langan, Bill Weistling, Terry Tieman, and me, which we reviewed during a teleconference on Thursday, May 14. Overall, we were satisfied with the details but sent a short list of questions and suggestions back to Century Engineering. We propose to have another teleconference on Wednesday, May 20, that will include Century Engineering personnel to discuss moving forward with the plans, meeting with property owners and setting up the bidding system. Until this meeting actually occurs, there is nothing more to report.

While I am anxious to share with the property owners and residents the actual plans, the health and safety of everyone is more important. Our ultimate goal is to begin sidewalk construction this fall.

**II. Crosswalks, Rapidly Flashing Lights:** The light systems to be installed at the Coastal Highway intersections at Bayard and Oyster Bay Streets are on order. Matt Buckley from DelDOT has promised to have them scheduled for installation as soon as they come in.

**III. Arrive Alive Program:** This is still planned for this summer but no meetings have been scheduled due to the Corona Virus shutdown.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Vicki L. Carmean, Pedestrian Safety Chairperson**

## TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

The Town has 936 Twitter followers, 5,181 Facebook followers, and 870 Instagram followers.

The website had 30,958 unique visitors over the last year, with 75% being new visitors to the website. For April alone, there were 2,553 users to the website, with 75.92% being new visitors.